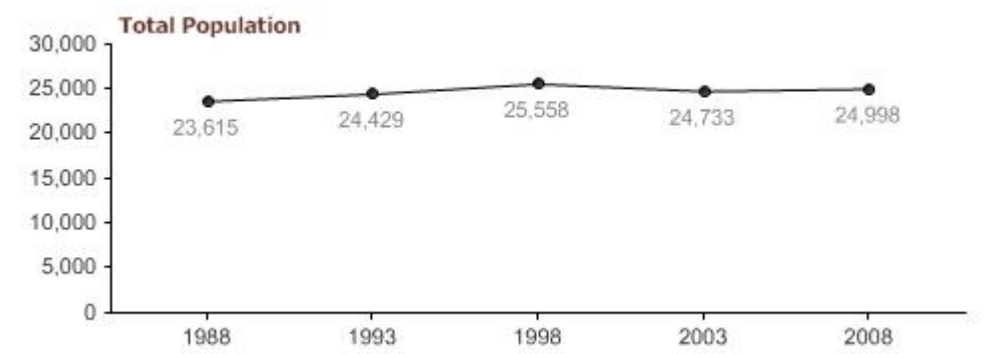


# Decatur County, IN Highlights

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	23,615	24,429	25,558	24,733	24,998
Change Since 1988		814	1,943	1,118	1,383
Pct. Change Since 1988		3.4%	8.2%	4.7%	5.9%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008		
	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-72	
International Migration	28	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	140	
Births	374	
Deaths	234	

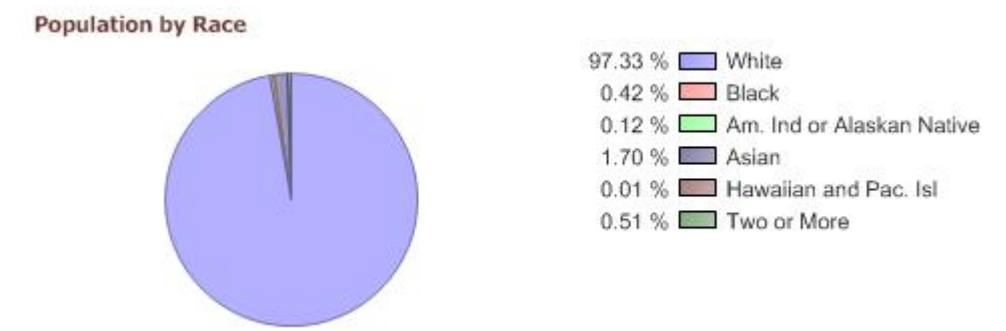
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Population Estimates by Age in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,795	7.2%
School Age	4,658	18.7%
College Age	1,737	7.0%

Young Adult	7,246	29.1%
Older Adult	6,202	24.9%
Older (65 plus)	3,321	13.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	29	0.1%
Asian Alone	425	1.7%
Black Alone	105	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	3	0.0%
White Alone	24,271	97.3%
Two or More Race Groups	126	0.5%



Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	24,733	99.2%
Hispanic or Latino	226	0.9%

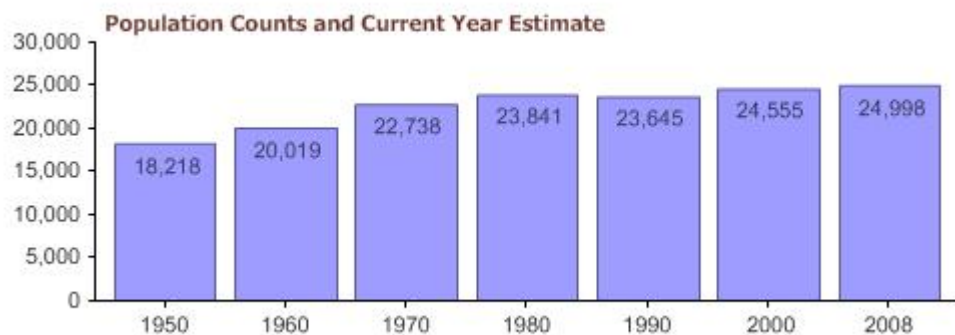
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Households in 2000		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	9,389	100.0%
Family Households	6,878	73.3%
Married with Children	2,462	26.2%
Married without Children	3,182	33.9%
Single Parents	737	7.8%
Other	497	5.3%
Non-family Households	2,511	26.7%
Living Alone	2,142	22.8%
Average Household Size	2.62	
Average Family Household Size	3.57	

Source: US Census Bureau

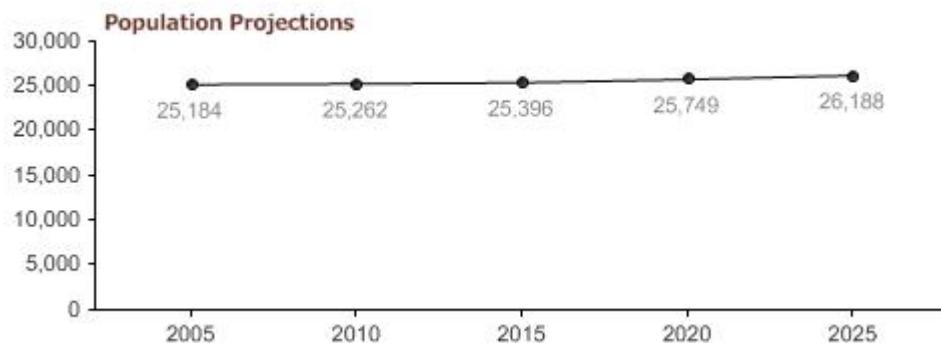
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate			
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	18,218	NA	NA
1960	20,019	1,801	9.9%
1970	22,738	2,719	13.6%
1980	23,841	1,103	4.9%
1990	23,645	-196	-0.8%

April 2000	24,555	910	3.8%
2008	24,998	443	1.8%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	25,184	25,262	25,396	25,749	26,188
Change Since 2005		78	212	565	1,004
Pct. Change Since 2005		0.3%	0.8%	2.2%	4.0%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center